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SUBJECT: CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FOR MRS. CLAY

REF: BONN 7120

PLEASE GIVE MRS. LUCIUS CLAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE:

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR AT BONN HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING
LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM FORMER CHANCELLOR AND MAYOR
OF BERLIN WILLY BRANDT ON THE DEATH OF YOUR HUSBAND.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

I HAVE RECEIVED THE SAD NEWS OF THE DEATH OF GENERAL
CLAY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY CONDOLENCE AND
ASK YOU TO CONVEY TO GENERAL CLAY'S FAMILY AS WELL
AS TO YOUR GOVERNMENT MY DEEP FEELINGS OF SYMPATHY AND
THOSE OF MY FRIENDS.

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LUCIUS D. CLAY'S NAME WILL ALWAYS BE ASSOCIATED
WITH GERMAN AND EUROPEAN POST-WAR HISTORY. IT IS DUE
TO HIS DECISIVE CONTRIBUTION THAT THE CITY OF BERLIN
WAS ABLE TO RESIST THE BLOCKADE OF 1948/49 AND THAT
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC DEVELOPED INTO A SOLID DEMOCRATIC
COMMUNITY.

IN THE ALMOST 30 YEARS SINCE THEN GENERAL CLAY WAS ALWAYS A GOOD FRIEND TO US. I REMEMBER WITH PLEASURE HIS CONTINUED VISITS TO BERLIN AND HIS SUPPORTIVE STAY THERE, WITH WHICH PRESIDENT KENNEDY ENTRUSTED HIM DURING THE DIFFICULT TIME AFTER THE ERECTION OF THE WALL IN 1961. DURING NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS IN THE UNITED STATES WE REPEATEDLY RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE ENGAGEMENT WITH WHICH LUCIUS D. CLAY WAS STRIVING FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND ATLANTIC COOPERATION.

WE SHALL ALWAYS KEEP HIM IN HONORED MEMORY.

SIGNED. WILLY BRANDT.

END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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